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DAKAR FOR SCHOONOVER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID, GV
SUBJECT: GUINEA AGRICULTURAL PROJECT 675-0201

REF: (A) STATE 307205; (B) HARTMAN/SHEAR MEMO OF OCT 31, 1977

1. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED AT PROJECTED DELAY IN HARTMAN REPLACEMENT, AS THIS IS CRUCIAL ORGANIZATIONAL PERIOD FOR GUINEA AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. CAN ACCEPT GENERALIST WITH AGRICULTURAL BACKGROUND, BUT BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL HE BE HIGHLY COMPETENT OFFICER, FRENCH PROFICIENT AND FAMILIAR WITH CONTRACTING AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE JOB HE WILL HAVE TO DO HERE. MEANWHILE, WE WILL BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE HARTMAN MONTHLY VISITS, AS HE HAS DONE EXCELLENT JOB MOUNTING THE PROJECT AND HAS VERY EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONS WITH GUINEAN COUNTERPART. REGARDING DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, WE DO NOT HAVE IMPRESSION IT WOULD MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE IN FACILITATING HARTMAN'S ENTRY INTO OR MOVEMENT ABOUT GUINEA. HE MAY HAVE SOME OTHER ASPECT IN MIND, HOWEVER, AND WE WOULD SEE NO OBJECTION HERE TO
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ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT TO HIM.

2. UNCERTAINTY REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF PROJECT FUNDS STAND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS CANNOT BE LET UNLESS MONEY IS SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR THEM AND AVAILABLE. AS ALL THREE UNITS ARE ESSENTIAL TO INTEGRATED PROJECT, BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT ALL BE CONTRACTED FOR AND CON-

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STRUCTED AT THE SAME TIME. TO DO THIS WE NEED MINIMUM
$4.8 MILLION AVAILABLE BY BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY (SEE REF B). DELAY
IN AVAILABILITY UNTIL LATER IN YEAR WOULD DELAY CON-
TRACTING AND HOLD UP ENTIRE PROJECT, CREATING SERIOUS
GOG DISAPPOINTMENT AT A TIME WHEN WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT
TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE MOMENTUM OF U.S.-GUINEAN RELATIONS,
AND RUNNING THE DANGER THAT GUINEAN SPECIALISTS WILL
RETURN FROM U.S. TRAINING BEFORE FACILITIES ARE BUILT
AND MAY LOSE THE EDGE OFF THEIR EXPERTISE AND ENTHUSIASM
FOR THE PROJECT.

3. IN VIEW CURRENT LACK OF AID PROJECT OFFICER HERE,
SCHOONOVER IS URGED TO VISIT GUINEA IN EARLY JANUARY TO
FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH PROJECT AND PROJECT SITES, TO
DEMONSTRATE TO GOG ACTIVE U.S. INTEREST IN PROJECT
AND TO GIVE US BENEFIT OF HIS ADVICE ON IT.
SCHOONOVER IS INVITED TO STAY WITH AMBASSADOR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) WOULD APPRECIATE AID/W
ACTION ON URGENT BASIS TO MAKE AVAILABLE FULL $4.8 MILLION
REQUIREMENT SO WE CAN LET CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN
BEGINNING FEBRUARY. (B) WOULD APPRECIATE INTENSIFIED
AID/W EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIGH-QUALITY PROJECT OFFICER
REPLACEMENT ASAP.

5. GRATEFUL FOR AID CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL GUINEAN
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REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN FRAMEWORK OF ACCELERATED
IMPACT PROGRAM. WE WILL BE CABLING WASHINGTON ON THE
SUBJECT SHORTLY.
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